Dear Robert,

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There is a sentence in your kind letter that reminds me of another story that may interest you and your associates on the GN & G.

It was back in World War II, before Pearl Harbor, when our country was not yet in the war. I was working with several British agents and met with them from time to time in Washington. One afternoon when we were having tea, at exactly 4 p.m., as always, one of them told me a story. He had worked for a major London paper before becoming a British agent and he had just read it in that paper.

Great Brtian was under a tight blockade. The country did not provide all the food it needed and many of the ships that carried food to it were sunk. People were hungry because they didn't have enough to eat. So, somebody proposed putting all the dogs and cats to sleep so that what they ate could be available to humans. The hue and cry, the strong protests, that greeted this proposal ended it, once and for all.

The British people were willing to go hungry so that their pets could live.

What you say is true, "It is amazing how animals have such and effect on human lives."

The lack of an "i" on your typewriter also takes me far back. I had and prized such a typewriter, an old and very durable Underwood. I bought it second-hand in the 1930s and ussd it hard until after I got this one in 1968. It then was not possible to get parts for it. It lost the ? , which is not as much of a problem as an "i." Finally I got one much larger and had it soldered on. Looked funny but I could and did use it, even though the lines were always crooked because the pad on which the keys rested was so worn it could not type straight.

I have another old machine I've kept in the hope of either finding the missing part of finding a machinist who is willing to try and make it. That machine is an old Royal portable, one of the first made. It was a minerature typewriter rather than what we today know as a portable. I got it second-hand, when I was in college in the early 1930s. Except for this small part, which advances the paper, that machine is almost perfect.

If the local paper prints any further news about the Barthlows I'll be glad to send it.

Congratulations on the fine sheet you turn out. My wife and I really do enjoy it.

Best wishes to you and your staff,